

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 2 as follows:**

Referring now to the drawings, in order to make objects, features, and advantages of the present invention clear, embodiments of the present invention are explained in detail. Fig. 2 is a block diagram showing a first embodiment of an electronic revenue stamp issuing apparatus of the present invention. At the first embodiment, a function, which is almost equivalent to the function of the conventional electronic revenue stamp issuing apparatus shown in Fig. 1, has the same reference number that the conventional electronic revenue stamp issuing apparatus has. As shown in Fig. 2, an electronic revenue stamp issuing apparatus 100 of the first embodiment of the present invention provides a judging section 1, an issuing section 2, a receiver 11, a balance amount reducing section 3, a verifying section 4, an amount increasing section 5, and an invalid electronic revenue stamp recording section. 6. And the electronic revenue stamp issuing apparatus 100 controls possible amount to issue data 7, and invalid electronic revenue stamp data 8.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 8 as follows:**

Next a second embodiment of the electronic revenue stamp issuing apparatus of the present invention is explained in detail. Fig. 3 is a block diagram showing the second embodiment of the electronic revenue stamp issuing apparatus of the present invention. At the second embodiment, a function, which is almost equivalent to the function of the first embodiment shown in Fig. 2, has the same reference number that the first embodiment has. As shown in Fig. 3, an electronic revenue stamp issuing apparatus 150 of the second embodiment of the present invention provides a judging section 1, an issuing section 2, a receiver 11, a balance amount reducing section 3, a verifying section 4, an amount increasing section 5, an invalid

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electronic revenue stamp recording section 6, and an issued electronic revenue stamp recording section 9. And the electronic revenue stamp issuing apparatus 150 controls possible amount to issue data 7, and issued electronic revenue stamp and invalid electronic revenue stamp data 10.

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